GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CRITERIA/ NORMS FOR HIRING AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria/norms adopted by the Government for permitting the public sector airlines to hire areoplanes;

(b) The number of aeroplanes hired by these airlines during the last three years and till date alongwith company-wise details thereof and the justification therefor;

(c) Whether any cost-benefit analysis has been conducted for hiring the aeroplanes by these companies;

(d) If so, the findings thereof; and

(e) If not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): The leasing of aircraft is resorted to by the airlines to meet their capacity requirements in short to medium term perspective. The national airlines have had to resort to leasing to overcome the capacity constraints due to the pendency of their aircraft acquisition proposals at the relevant time, as well. The Board of Directors of airlines is competent to decide about leasing on a case to case basis inter-alia upon consideration of cost benefit analysis. The number of planes hired by Air India, Air India Charters Limited and Indian Airlines during the last three years alongwith company wise details are annexed.